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1. Intended Use

By using real time PCR systems, Coxsackie Virus A16 real time PCR kit is used for the detection of Coxsackie Virus A16 in samples like nasal and pharyngeal secretions, sputum, provoked sputum, stool, C.S.F, serum and etc.

2. Principle of Real-Time PCR

The principle of the real-time detection is based on the fluorogenic 5' nuclease assay. During the PCR reaction, the DNA polymerase cleaves the probe at the 5' end and separates the reporter dye from the quencher dye only when the probe hybridizes to the target DNA. This cleavage results in the fluorescent signal generated by the cleaved reporter dye, which is monitored real-time by the PCR detection system. The PCR cycle at which an increase in the fluorescence signal is detected initially is proportional to the amount of the specific PCR product. Monitoring the fluorescence intensities in real-time allows the detection of the accumulating product without having to re-open the reaction tube after the amplification.

3. Product Description

Coxsackieviruses are nonenveloped viruses with linear single-stranded RNA. Coxsackieviruses are divided into group A and group B viruses based on early observations of their pathogenicity in mice. Group A coxsackieviruses were noted to cause a flaccid paralysis, which was caused by generalized myositis, while group B coxsackieviruses were noted to cause a spastic paralysis due to focal muscle injury and degeneration of neuronal tissue. At least 23 serotypes (1-22, 24) of group A and 6 serotypes (1-6) of group B are recognized.

The Coxsackie Virus A16 real time RT-PCR kit contains a specific ready-to-use system for the detection of the Coxsackie Virus A16 using RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction) in the real-time PCR system. The master contains a Super Mix for the specific amplification of the Coxsackie Virus A16 RNA. The reaction is done in one step real time RT-PCR. The first step is a reverse transcription (RT), during which the Coxsackie Virus A16 RNA is transcribed into cDNA. Afterwards, a thermostable DNA polymerase is used to amplify the specific gene fragments by means of PCR (polymerase chain reaction). Fluorescence is emitted and measured by the real time system's optical unit during the PCR. The detection of amplified Coxsackie Virus A16 DNA fragment is performed in fluorimeter **channel 530nm** with the fluorescent quencher BHQ1. In addition, the kit contains a system to identify possible PCR inhibition by measuring the **560nm** fluorescence of the internal control (IC). An external positive control (1×10^7 copies/ml) contained, allows the determination of the gene load. For further information, please refer to section 9.3 Quantitation.

4. Kit Contents

Ref.	Type of reagent	Presentation 25rxns
1	CA16 Super Mix	1 vial, 350 μ l
2	RT-PCR Enzyme Mix	1 vial, 28 μ l
3	Molecular Grade Water	1 vial, 400 μ l
4	Internal Control	1 vial, 30 μ l
5	CA16 Positive Control (1×10^7 copies/ml)	1 vial, 30 μ l

Analysis sensitivity: 5×10^3 copies/ml LOQ: $1 \times 10^4 \sim 1 \times 10^5$ copies/ml

Note: Analysis sensitivity depends on the sample volume, elution volume, nucleic acid extraction methods and other factors. If you use the RNA extraction kits recommended, the analysis sensitivity is the same as it declares. However, when the sample volume is dozens or even hundreds of times greater than elution volume by some concentrating method, it can be much higher.

5. Storage

- All reagents should be stored at -20°C. Storage at +4°C is not recommended.
- All reagents can be used until the expiration date indicated on the kit label.
- Repeated thawing and freezing (>3x) should be avoided.
- Cool all reagents during the working steps.
- Super Mix and Reaction Mix should be stored in the dark.

6. Additionally Required Materials and Devices

- Biological cabinet
- Vortex mixer
- Cryo-container
- Sterile filter tips for micro pipets
- Disposable gloves, powderless
- Refrigerator and Freezer
- Desktop microcentrifuge for "eppendorf" type tubes (RCF max. 16,000 x g)
- Real time PCR system
- Real time PCR reaction tubes/plates
- Pipets (0.5 μ l - 1000 μ l)
- Sterile microtubes
- Biohazard waste container
- Tube racks

7. Warnings and Precaution

- Carefully read this instruction before starting the procedure.
- For in vitro diagnostic use only.
- This assay needs to be carried out by skilled personnel.
- Clinical samples should be regarded as potentially infectious materials and should be prepared in a laminar flow hood.
- This assay needs to be run according to Good Laboratory Practice.
- Do not use the kit after its expiration date.
- Avoid repeated thawing and freezing of the reagents, this may reduce the sensitivity of the test.
- Once the reagents have been thawed, vortex and centrifuge briefly the tubes before use.
- Prepare quickly the Reaction mix on ice or in the cooling block.
- Set up two separate working areas: 1) Isolation of the RNA/ DNA and 2) Amplification/ detection of amplification products.
- Pipets, vials and other working materials should not circulate among working units.
- Use always sterile pipette tips with filters.
- Wear separate coats and gloves in each area.
- Do not pipette by mouth. Do not eat, drink, smoke in laboratory.

- Avoid aerosols

8. Sample Collection, Storage and transport

- Collected samples in sterile tubes.
- Specimens can be extracted immediately or frozen at -20°C to -80°C.

9. Procedure
9.1 RNA-Extraction

Different brands of RNA extraction kits are available. You may use your own extraction systems or the commercial kit based on the yield. For RNA extraction kit, please comply with manufacturer's instructions. The recommended extraction kit is as follows:

Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit	Cat. Number	Manufacturer
RNA Isolation Kit	ME-0010/ME-0012	ZJ Biotech
QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Extraction Kit (50)	52904	QIAGEN

9.2 Internal Control

It is necessary to add internal control (IC) in the reaction mix. Internal control (IC) allows the user to determine and control the possibility of RT-PCR inhibition.

Add the internal control (IC) 1 μ l/rxn and the result will be shown in the channel **560nm**.

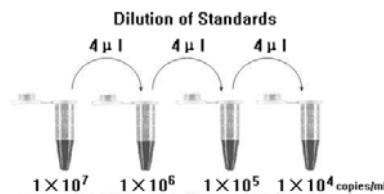
9.3 Quantitation

The kit can be used for quantitative or qualitative real-time PCR.

For performance of quantitative real-time PCR, standard dilution must be prepared first as follows. Molecular Grade Water is used for dilution.

Dilution is not needed for performance of qualitative real-time PCR.

Take positive control (1×10^7 copies/ml) as the starting high standard in the first tube. Respectively pipette **36 μ l** of Molecular Grade Water into next three tubes. Do three dilutions as the following figures:



To generate a standard curve on the real-time system, all four dilution standards should be used and defined as standards with specification of the corresponding concentrations.

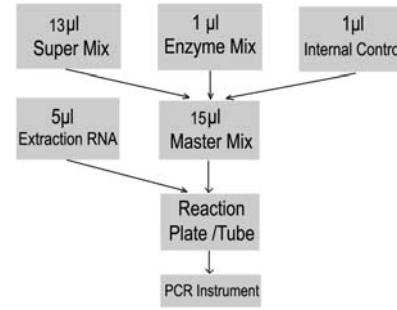
Attention:

A. Mix thoroughly before next transfer.

B. The positive control (1×10^7 copies/ml) contains high concentration of the target DNA. Therefore, be careful during the dilution in order to avoid contamination.

9.3 RT-PCR Protocol

The Master Mix volume for each reaction should be pipetted as follows:



※PCR system without channel 560nm may be treated with 1 μ l Molecular Grade Water instead of 1 μ l IC.

- The volumes of Super Mix and Enzyme Mix per reaction multiply with the number of samples, which includes the number of controls, standards, and sample prepared. Molecular Grade Water is used as the negative control. For reasons of unprecise pipetting, always add an extra virtual sample. Mix completely then spin down briefly in a centrifuge.
- Pipet **15 μ l** Master Mix with micropipets of sterile filter tips to each real time PCR reaction plate/tubes. Separately add **5 μ l** RNA sample, positive and negative controls to different reaction plate/tubes. Immediately close the plate/tubes to avoid contamination.
- Spin down briefly in order to collect the Master Mix in the bottom of the reaction tubes.
- Perform the following protocol in the instrument:

45°C for 10min	1cycle	Selection of fluorescence channels
95°C for 15min	1cycle	530nm Target Nucleic Acid
95°C for 5sec, 60°C for 30sec	40cycles	560nm IC

10. Threshold setting: Choose **Arithmetic** as back ground and **none** as Noise Band method, then adjust the Noise band just above the maximum level of molecular grade water, and adjust the threshold just under the minimum of the positive control.

11. Calibration for quantitative detection: Input each concentration of standard controls at the end of run, and a standard curve will be automatically formed.

12. Quality control:

Negative control, positive control and internal control must be performed correctly, otherwise the sample results is invalid.

Channel	Crossing point value	
Control	530nm	560nm
Molecular Grade Water	Blank	25~35
Positive Control(qualitative assay)	≤ 35	—
QS (quantitative detection)	Correlation coefficient of QS curve ≤ -0.98	

13. Data Analysis and Interpretation

The following sample results are possible:

	Crossing point value	Result Analysis
	530nm	560nm
1#	Blank	Below the detection limit or negative
2#	≤ 38	Positive; and the software displays the quantitative value
3#	38~40	Re-test; if it is still 38~40, report as 1#
4#	Blank	RT-PCR Inhibition; no diagnosis can be concluded.

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